

# Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc.

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### October 28, 2025

# DoubleTree Resort – Lancaster, PA Minutes

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Jerry McInaw, Chair Present
Joseph Murphy, Vice Chair Present
Douglas Haupt, Secretary Present
Thomas Knights, Assistant Secretary Present
Michael Kyle, Treasurer Present
Ryan Lumbatis, Assistant Treasurer Present

William P. Boswell, General Counsel Present via Teams

Dwight A. Howes, Assistant General Counsel

William G. Kiger, President/CEO

Present

#### **GUESTS:**

Tom McMaster Adams Electric Cooperative

Eric Beers Astound Broadband Powered by RCN

James Santry Comcast

Jennifer Ogle Energy Transfer Deanna DeWitt FirstEnergy

Michael Wolgemuth

Zack Armstrong

Matthew Frick

Gerald Charvala

Lancaster Area Sewer Authority

Larson Design Group, Inc.

Lehigh County Authority

Ryan Kelvington Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County

Jacob Specht National Fuel

Chris Yuhasz

Douglas Meshaw

Terri Cooper Smith

North Wales Water Authority
PA Builders Association
PA Public Utility Commission

Holly Fishel PA State Association of Township Supervisors

Robert Bedics PECO an Exelon Company Patrick Dunham PECO an Exelon Company

Daniel Whetzel PennDOT

James Baer Pennsylvania American Water Charles Brazier Peoples Natural Gas Company LLC

Brian Eckroade Philadelphia Gas Works

Larissa Llewellyn PUCA

Luke Erny Pittsburgh Water

Ryan Geisinger PPL Electric Utilities, Inc.

Mark Callahan UGI Utilities, Inc.
Christopher Clancy UGI Utilities, Inc.
Andis Kalnins Verizon Business
Richard Hackney Verizon North LLC

Steven Hoover Verizon Pennsylvania LLC
Marcus Avellino Williams Gas Pipeline - Transco

# **Draft for Approval**

Jerry Wilson Windstream Communications

**STAFF:** 

Ellen Kiger Executive Vice President/COO

Sherry Harim Vice President

Linda Covelli Manager - Operations

Kelly Pearl Manager - Accounting and Member Services

Lynette Lauman Network/System Administrator

Penny Modrick Executive Secretary

# **OPENING COMMENTS**

Mr. McInaw called the meeting to order at 2:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, reviewed the evacuation route, and asked for a round of introductions.

- Mr. Kyle made a motion to follow the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Haupt.
  - o The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McInaw announced that Abbottstown Borough, Adams County, represented by Dr. Bolton, resigned their Board seat on 10/27/25. As Dr. Bolton was to be the featured speaker for the Board training, there would be no presentation.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- Mr. Lumbatis made a motion to approve the 7/29/25 Executive Committee minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Murphy.
  - o The motion carried unanimously.

#### REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS FROM 7/30/25 BOARD MEETING

None.

#### REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

• Recruiting & Retention

Mr. Kyle explained that open staff positions became a subject of discussion during the Finance Committee meeting dealing with the proposed 2026 budgets, and he asked Ms. Kiger to report on some of the challenges in hiring, particularly as it related to Customer Service Representatives (CSRs).

Ms. Kiger reported on the 2025 recruiting statistics, explained the interview process, and noted that the increase in the hourly rate for CSRs had increased the number of applications received. A newly created recruiting video was launched on social media as well.

Discussion.

In answer to a question, Ms. Kiger answered there was nothing additional the Board could do to help at this time and requested time to evaluate whether the recent rate change and recruiting video made a difference.

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#### FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Kyle reported the Finance Committee met 10/15/25 to receive an update on the economy and investment performance. He summarized the Economic Overview provided by The Monteverde Group. The Monteverde Group recommended we continue to maintain the current Investment Allocation.

Mr. Kyle reviewed the SEI Investments performance as of 9/30/25 and the LPL brokerage account status. He reviewed the 401(k) Watch List.

Mr. Kyle reported that given the turnover of Board members, the committee recommended having Board members complete a risk tolerance questionnaire to gauge the current tolerance of risk for investments.

#### **BUDGET**

Mr. Kyle reported the committee met 10/8/25 to review the proposed budget and, after discussion, the committee voted to move the budget to the Executive Committee for approval. He reviewed the budget totals, the budget assumptions, and the planned net loss, and explained that the committee had requested staff increase the proposed expense budget to include additional wage incentives to assist with recruiting and retention.

- Mr. Murphy made a motion to recommend Board approval of the 2026 Capital and Expense Budgets, seconded by Mr. Knights.
  - o The motion carried unanimously.

# LAWSUITS PENDING AGAINST PENNSYLVANIA ONE CALL SYSTEM, INC.

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Mr. Boswell reported there had been no change since the last meeting.

# AUDITOR GENERAL PUC PA ONE CALL ENGAGEMENT LETTER & POCS RESPONSE

Mr. Howes reported the Auditor General's office sent a letter advising their office planned to audit the PA PUC's handling of alleged violation reports, along with the PA PUC's management of POCS. POCS responded to the letter.

#### VISION GOALS ASSIGNED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ms. Kiger reported certain goals were being held by the Executive Committee until the Legislative Task Force was re-activated for the next legislative effort.

Goal 6.2: By October 2029, we will review current exemptions for possible removal for the next legislative change.

**≠ NOT STARTED** 

Goal 6.3: By October 2029, we will advocate for the reauthorization of the UULPL.

**≠ NOT STARTED** 

Goal 6.4: By April 2032, we will review the new legislation and provide a summary list of UULPL changes that will impact POCS.

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Discussion.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION – EXEUCTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Kiger reported on 4M, a company with an AI overview that gathered information from the pipeline and energy sectors to recreate underground facilities. Mr. Kiger suggested evaluating the data for use in abandoned line processing and asked the committee to give it some thought.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

- Mr. Murphy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Haupt.
  - o The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting ended at 2:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Haupt Corporate Secretary

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